

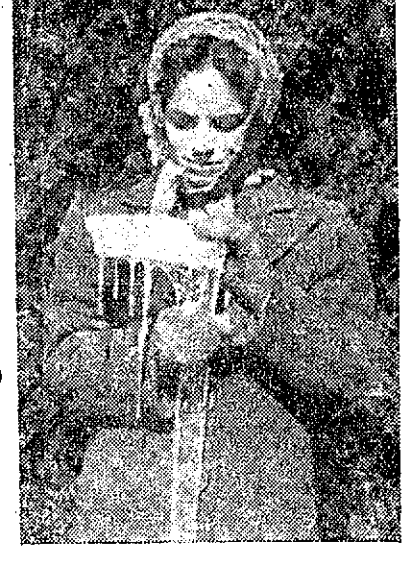


Hope Star

Our Daily Bread

Sliced Thin by The Editor
Alex. H. Washburn

The Story
of a Lady
Newsboy



Julia Dance

The "newsboy" who delivers 47 Hope Stars in Fulton every afternoon is no boy at all — she's a lady.

She is Julia Dance, 14, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. Y. Dance, and she's been on the job two years and three months. What she has done for herself in that time seems remarkable to the news-paper office and maybe after you've heard about it you'll agree.

Our introduction to Julia was the way newspaper folks usually are introduced to a carrier, operating in another town. The telephone rings — it's a long-distance call — in fact, it's Fulton calling up to report that the bus missed bringing the papers down from Hope. "Only this time the voice at the Fulton end was that of a girl."

Our boy carrier had "retired" and turned the route over to Julia.

Well, here's what Julia says she has done for herself in less than two and a half years of newspaper route work:

Paid for a bicycle, a Royal typewriter, a watch, a coat, and, believe it or not, she's paying for music lessons and has started making payments on a baby grand piano!

Unbelievable? But the editor of The Star recalls the case of a certain Hope old lady of 15, came to us one day and said he figured he just had to have a better job. He was making \$6.50 a week. I asked him what he was doing with his money. He told me.

He had bought an old jalopy. He kept the old jalopy in gas and tires. Then he acquired a girl. The girl wanted to go places — and they went. All this on \$6.50 a week — and he left me, supposedly a manager, feeling frustrated and dismayed.

But the young folks are always doing the impossible.

And so there's the case of Julia Dance, Fulton carrier for The Star, who played in a recital of the piano students of Mrs. Jack Brown at the Fulton Union church December 16 — because she had practiced on a baby grand piano she herself had bought out of the small change that passes along a newspaper route.

I am sure she always strikes the right note!

Rails Get Top Priority on Low Coal Supply

Washington, Dec. 24 —(AP)—An emergency government order gave the nation's fuel-hungry railroads first crack today at coal produced in mines from which they normally get their supplies.

The interstate commerce commission announced the action yesterday to keep the nation's rail transportation from breaking down in the busy holiday travel season and in the wintry weeks which follow.

The order became effective at the mines at a minute after midnight and will continue in effect until midnight February 25.

Dwindling coal stocks, the result of a production curtailment ordered by Mine Leader John L. Lewis, had cut into railroad supplies so sharply that one line — the Chesapeake and Ohio — had already taken for its own use some of the coal it was carrying as freight.

The ICC said railroads with less than a nine-day supply on hand could get additional coal by applying to the commission's service bureau.

A number of roads had reported shortages. The Pennsylvania said it had a two-week stock on hand. The New York Central enough for 10 days, the Louisville and Nashville enough for 12 days.

Due to the "extreme" shortage, the ICC said, the ability of the railroads "to adequately perform car service and their common carrier duties in the interest of the public and commerce of the people is seriously threatened."

There was no sign whether the White House viewed this "serious threat" as enough of a national emergency to justify use of the Taft-Hartley act's 80-day injunction procedure against Lewis' United Mine Workers.

The miners, with a relatively fruitless 52-day strike behind them, started working a three-day week December 1. During each of the coming two holiday weeks, they will be in the pits only two days, and there was speculation that Lewis might call for a new strike after that.

President Truman has said he will use Taft-Hartley against the miners if he feels that a national emergency exists.

Christmas Sales May Hit Record

By The Associated Press

Cash registers in the nation's department and retail stores played a merry Christmas tune during the holiday shopping season, indicating record sales both in unit and a dollar volume.

This week's last minute shoppers swarmed the stores for purchases and sales in many cities soared above last year's record business.

The big push to the store counters for Christmas buying, reports indicated, was in the last few days.

November sales of chain stores and mail order houses were about two per cent below November, 1943, the U.S. Department of Commerce said. But the department store sales jumped to a new record high in the week ended Dec. 17.

A spot survey of major stores in cities across the country showed only one city reporting a drop in Christmas buying compared to last year. The retail merchants association in Detroit said Christmas sales were about 10 per cent less than in 1943. There was a demand for household appliances and liquor in the motor city, the association said.

But no such falling off in Christmas buying was reported in stores in New York, Chicago, Boston, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Kansas City, Atlanta, Minneapolis, Richmond, Va., Dallas and Seattle.

In New York, most stores reported business "highly satisfactory."

One of the stores selling high-priced lines in men's and women's clothing said dollar volume was four per cent ahead of last Christmas and unit volume about 20 per cent better. A large independent store reported a steady increase in clothes and finer home furnishings "took a beating," but said moderate priced Christmas merchandise "went great guns."

This week's buying in Chicago, a trade source said, was expected to send the month of December up to the level of 1943 after trailing about one per cent or so weak by week until the first of December.

There was an increase of four to seven per cent in Minneapolis department stores business compared to last year. Business in two St. Paul stores was about the same and better in a third.

In the department store store sales in Kansas City, the federal reserve board reported, were up 19 per cent for the four weeks ended Dec. 17 compared to last year. The increase for Missouri was 17 per cent and for Kansas four per cent.

Fried ants, eaten by some people in South Africa, are said to taste like bacon.

Destitute Town Now Believes in Santa Claus

Shallmar, Md., Dec. 24 —(AP)—Remember reading of the plight of this little coal-mining town about two weeks ago when 50 families were living on a hand-to-mouth existence because there had been no work for months?

Thanks to a lot of people who acted out the spirit of Christmas, the story is changed.

Three rooms in the school principal's home are piled high with packages. Sacks of mail still are coming up the winding, narrow valley. A lot of cash came in those letters — more than \$5,000 for hot lunches for the school children.

One miner's wife about summed it up: "We just can't believe it. And we are so grateful."

Holy Year Opened Amid Disorders

Vatican City, Dec. 24 —(AP)—Pope Pius XII opened the Holy Year of the Roman Catholic church today amid the joyous ringing of church bells and the angry clatter of communist-led disorders.

Scarcely had the pontiff unsealed the holy door at St. Peter's Basilica with three symbolic strokes of a silver hammer, when communists ordered and then cancelled a general strike in Rome province.

And in the heart of ancient Rome, as the 50th jubilee year of the Catholic church began, a communist-led crowd stoned the Spanish embassy, crying "death to Franco."

Tens of thousands thronged the Vatican Basilica for the solemn pageantry of the opening. Hundreds took part in the communist demonstrations. The short-lived strike was called to protest strong police precautions against possible incidents between pilgrims and communists meeting near the basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore, where a cardinal opened another holy door.

Riot squads dispersed the anti-Franco demonstrators who were ready to enter the presence in Rome of Spanish Foreign Minister Martin Aratajo, here for the holy door ceremony. In the disorders an automobile owned by a U.S. embassy official was overturned near the Spanish embassy.

But the incidents failed to interrupt the Holy Year inauguration ceremonies at St. Peter's.

A crowd of 50,000 persons inside the Basilica cheered as the pontiff strode alone through the door into the vast church, seat of the religion of 400,000,000 persons of which the pope is the temporal head. Outside 300,000 more gathered in St. Peter's square heard the great bronze bells of the Basilica ring the tidings that the jubilee year had begun.

But the struggle in which the church is now locked with communism was symbolized at the very hour of the holy ceremony by a call from the communist-led chamber of labor for a general strike in Rome.

The labor group called the strike to protest police measures against a peaceful demonstration. The union scheduled to coincide with the church ceremonies. The labor leaders called it when Interior Minister Mario Scelba promised to arrest and remove police guards from the chamber of labor headquarters.

As the pope opened the holy door at St. Peter's, the church ceremonies were held in Rome by cardinals at the three other patriarchal basilicas: St. Paul's outside the walls, St. John Lateran and St. Mary Major.

The square outside St. Mary Major was mobbed 600 Roman police and Carabinieri, summoned to prevent interference from the chamber of labor headquarters across the square. There the disputed peasants meeting had begun a demonstration at the colosseum. The meeting was cancelled when only about 200 persons were able to get through the police cordon.

Home asked in black headlines: "Is freedom of assembly threatened by the Holy Year?"

It appeared to signal a possible open attack on the church. This the communists have avoided until now in strongly Catholic Italy.

As the newspaper continued to publish news of Stalin's birthday celebration last Wednesday it charged that the pope's address scheduled to demonstrate his "pro-Franco" views of the Vatican with the imperialists and warmongers.

At St. Peter's the pump and ceremony of the Holy Year inauguration stirred the huge crowds to affecting breathless quiet, cheers and applause.

Local Girl to Participate in Network Broadcast

Norma Jean Archer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Early Archer, Sr., of Hope, and a student at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., is a member of the Northwestern U. Glee club that will be featured in a nation wide broadcast over the Mutual Broadcasting system and to be heard over KSNR at 4:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon.

This Newspaper Wishes You a —



Santa Claus Is on His Way at Last — and May He Reach Every Man, Woman and Child

(Note to Editors: A year ago Hal Boyle wrote a Santa Claus story for parents to read to their children at bedtime on Christmas eve. It met with such fine reader response — from all sections — that the column is being repeated.)

By HAL BOYLE

North Pole, Dec. 24 —(AP)— He's off!

Santa Claus is on his way at last!

The jolly old saint and his famous reindeer are making their way through the arctic skies right now, heading for the American border. He'll reach it tonight.

The northern lights switched on to a clear steady green — the "go ahead" signal. And the Royal Canadian Mounted Police sent Santa this message:

"We are clearing all air lanes in your path, old boy. There is no speed limit for you tonight. The sky is yours. Go as fast as you like. Good luck!"

And Santa Claus needed that wide, clear road in the sky. For his big red sled was piled so full of gifts it overflowed. It looked like a hayrick zooming through the crisp air.

"Oh, dear, oh dear," worried Santa, just before the takeoff, "I do hope none of these presents has got out and been some poor innocent rabbit down below. I believe this must be the heaviest load I've had in twenty years."

"What is he fretting about?" whispered Donner to Vixen. "He's only riding in that sled. We have to be quick."

Vixen laughed so hard the bells on her harness tinkled in merry music. And all the other reindeer laughed, too.

As Santa Claus climbed up into the seat of the sled, puffing a little because he was getting so heavy this winter, three black and white penguins waddled across the snow in front of the reindeer.

"Here, here, get out of the way, please," said Santa Claus impatiently. Then he said, surprised: "Way what are you penguins doing up at the North Pole anyway? You're supposed to be at the South Pole."

"We're on a vacation," said one of the penguins. "We're looking for Florida. Have you seen it anywhere?"

"Climb aboard, climb aboard!" boomed Santa. "I'll drop you off there. But I must say this is the first time I ever picked up three hitchhikers wearing tuxedos."

Just then Mrs. Santa Claus came running out waving a long piece of paper.

"You almost forgot your list of good children," she said.

"Never mind," said Santa. "I don't need it. This year I am going to give a present to every little boy and girl, poor or kind. The bad ones will feel sorry because they know they don't deserve a new present. I'll make 'em try harder to be good next year."

"That isn't according to Hope," said Mrs. Claus, who likes to play

Last Hideout Invaded by Girls

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS

Washington, Dec. 24 —(UP)— The only remaining hideout for male reporters in the capital is being invaded by the girls.

That's the press room at the treasury department.

No lady reporter ever set foot into the place until Pearl Harbor day. Then they swarmed in. The fellows immediately formed a committee.

"We'll fix 'em!" they vowed.

They fixed 'em. The men roared to all the naked women pleading to leave the country. The results were fabulous. Before long there were more undraped ladies on the wall of the press room than you'd find in all of Paris. Almost.

One gal looked up at the "nude" let out an "oops," and went straight to see the secretary of the treasury. As legend has it, Mr. Secretary came down and let out an "oops" of his own. But the picture stayed up and most of the lady reporters stayed away.

It seems, though, that the secret service men, which have offices in the treasury building, had a habit also of hanging around the press room.

The girls of the press found they lost a lot of pictures that way. At night the press room was locked, and only the reporters, the janitors and the secret service boys. The janitors denied taking any of the pictures off the wall.

Anyhow, walls got bare but the fellows got them covered again by writing to the picture people and asking for more prints.

There got to be so much nudity that one treasury reporter was ashamed to take his visiting mother into the room.

"I work in the state department," he told the state department press room being in all respects suitable for sight-seeing by visiting mother.

So is the treasury press room now — to the regret of the old-timers. They remember the day when one secretary of treasury came down and played his fiddle. The old cut-ups in the press room used to give each new secretary a "hot foot." Some of them stood by. Some never liked the press room again. That was all right with the boys.

Then came John Wesley Snyder, the present secretary. He took one look and ordered all of the nude pictures torn down. The room was reduced overnight. The boys resent it. They formed another nudist club and got more pictures.

But the tide has turned again. Right-thinking people got elected to the committee.

And what do you suppose they have on the walls of the treasury press room?

Maps that show the way around the world. France. The men who demand through the figures of the daily treasury report have no figures on the wall to look at.

It's a shame, they say. Girls come in now and don't blush.

Afghanistan lies between the Soviet Union and Pakistan.

Reds Indict 12 Japs for War Crimes

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The charge alleged the Japanese intended to spread the germs of cholera, the black death plague, gangrene, typhus and typhoid. The Japanese were accused of actual experiments with these germs against living humans, including Soviet citizens.

The indictment listed the specific numbers of two units trained to manufacture germs on a large scale, to experiment with germs and to prepare special guns and planes for their distribution.

Other groups cultivated stocks of billions of lice infected with the black death plague and prepared to release them in central and south China, the indictment said.

War Hero, Wife and Two Small Children Perish

Branford, Conn., Dec. 24 —(UP)—A war hero, his wife and their two infant sons died today in a fire that destroyed their two-story frame home.

The fire began shortly after Charles H. Nott, 31, and his 20-year-old wife went to bed after decorating a Christmas tree for their sons, Hudson Malcolm, 3, and nine-months-old Lawrence. The Notts were to have celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary today.

The blaze also destroyed the unoccupied home of a neighbor and forced another neighbor family to flee into near freezing temperatures.

An oil burner defect was believed responsible for the fire which spread so quickly that by the time firemen arrived the Nott home was ablaze from top to bottom and the intense heat prevented firemen from trying a rescue.

Nott won the distinguished flying cross, a presidential citation and other decorations for heroism on 75 missions in the European theater of operations while he was a captain in the air force.

AT&T Head Charged by Hungarians

Budapest, Hungary, Dec. 24 —(UP)—The Hungarian government today charged Robert C. Vogler, American executive of the International Telephone and Telegraph company, with espionage, economic sabotage, and "criminal activities."

Vogler was the second American accused by the Hungarian government within two days. The foreign office yesterday announced that Israel Jacobson, head of the American Joint Distribution Committee office in Hungary, was held on suspicion of spying.

Jacobson, of Rochester, N. Y., was arrested nine days ago when he crossed the border from Austria into Hungary.

Jackson Hoeghis, N. Y., had been held incommunicado for about five weeks in the Hungarian prison.

In accusing Vogler, the interior ministry lodged similar charges against Edgar Sanders, British head of the communications company's Budapest office and a relative of George Sanders, a movie actor.

The charges against Vogler, whose wife and children have been awaiting him in Vienna, were made public in a formal statement.

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Many Sections to Get White Christmas

By The Associated Press

A cold — and probably white — Christmas appeared in prospect for most the Midwest.

The cold air which covered the central part of the country spread eastward today to the Appalachian mountains but the Atlantic coastal areas enjoyed spring-like temperatures.

It was sub-zero weather today from the Dakotas to northern Illinois. The mercury tumbled to 21 below at Peoria, N. M., and International Falls, Minn. It was 7 at Rockford and Bradford, Ill., and Chicago shivered at 4 above, the coldest day of the season. Not much relief from the cold was expected over the weekend, federal forecasters said.

New York City's early morning reading was a mild 60 and early holiday celebrators strolled Times Square carrying topcoats and overcoats over their arms. Yesterday the mercury hit 62.2, a record high for Dec. 22, topping the previous high of 56 on Dec. 1875. Other highs included 67 at Pittsburgh, 61 at Buffalo, 61 at Boston and 6 at Philadelphia. In contrast, the mercury failed to rise above zero in some parts of Minnesota and North Dakota.

Light snow fell today in Great Lakes region and the Ohio Valley and also in the Dakotas and Montana.

Sleet, ice and snow storms caused at least 38 deaths across the nation this week, a survey showed. The hardest hit area was southern California which reported 11 traffic fatalities resulting from icy roads. Several communities in Illinois and Missouri struggled back toward normal conditions after a crippling sleet storm.

Continue Search for Crash Victims

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 24 —(AP)—A swamp buggy crew today drew the task of searching the wreckage of a B-50 aircraft crashed in a marshy area of six miles.

Five bodies already have been removed from the debris deep in a marsh bordering the Savannah river.

11 men met their deaths when the huge, four engine bomber, an improved version of the B-29, crashed Thursday night, five minutes after taking off from Chatham field near here.

Among those killed were Lt. Roberts Hornsby, Jr., 29-year-old son of baseball's famed Rogers Hornsby, and veteran of 50 bombing missions during World War II. Hornsby was a native of Denison, Tex.

Another hero to die in the flaming craft was Capt. Andrew G. Walter of Norfolk, Va., who took part in 51 bomber strikes over Europe.

Twice Capt. Andrews brought his riddled plane back home, once after two engines had been knocked out. He held the distinguished flying cross with three oak leaf clusters.

The swamp buggy, a sea-going tractor with enormous tires, was flown here from Eglin field. It is designed to navigate marsh lands and shallow, reed-filled waters.

Officials at Chatham field said it was doubtful whether the remaining bodies would be recovered. The impact of the crash buried the giant bomber deep in the mud.

The air force also planned to use helicopters to drop equipment to the search party.

It is estimated there are 300,000 people in the Western Hemisphere.

WEATHER FORECAST

Arkansas: Fair this afternoon and tonight. Not so cold tonight. Sunday increasing cloudiness and warmer.

DAILY DAWDLE SHOPPING DAY TO CHRISTMAS


One day more and that is all. Dally has to shop in. The last-day rush will make her think. She's part of "Hellzapoppin'."

Star to Suspend Publication Monday, Dec. 26

The Star will suspend publication Monday, December 26, this being one of the three newspaper holidays of the year. The others are July 4 and Thanksgiving. Publication will be resumed Tuesday.

BLONDIE

By Chick Young



Panel 1: Blondie rings the doorbell. Panel 2: Blondie yells "NOC NOC". Panel 3: Blondie says "THERE'S NOBODY HOME!". Panel 4: Blondie says "THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO KNOW".

OZARK IKE

By Ray Gatto



Panel 1: Ozark Ike punts a football 94 yards. Panel 2: Ozark Ike is lucky. Panel 3: Ozark Ike says "BUT NOW THE WIND'S GONNA HELP US FATFELDS SCO! A TOUCHDOWN!". Panel 4: Ozark Ike says "HAW! HERE GOES TH' LONGEST PASS EVUH PLUNGED INTO THEIR END ZONE ON THE FLY!".

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



Panel 1: A woman looks at a man in a suit. Caption: "Our mailman is an odd one! When I told him this was our little gift for him he laughed and said, 'See you later,' and marched off!"

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



Panel 1: A man looks at a sign that says "JOIN THE NAVY SEE THE WORLD!!".

VIC FLINT


By Michael O'Malley and Ralph Lane



Panel 1: Vic Flint says "IF WE'RE GONNA RUB OUT THIS DE CARLO CHARACTER FOR VA, KID, WE'LL NEED SOME DOUGH". Panel 2: Vic Flint says "HERE ARE A COUPLE OF FIFTIES. I DON'T CARE HOW YOU DO IT, JUST DO IT THOROUGH!". Panel 3: Vic Flint says "GREAT GUY, KID SLICK. HE'LL BE A REAL BIG SHOT SOME DAY, EH, EGGHEAD?". Panel 4: Vic Flint says "YEAH, IF NUTHIN' HAPPENS TO HIM, LIKE GETTIN' BURNED IN THE CHAIR, FRINSTEAD".

WASH TUBS

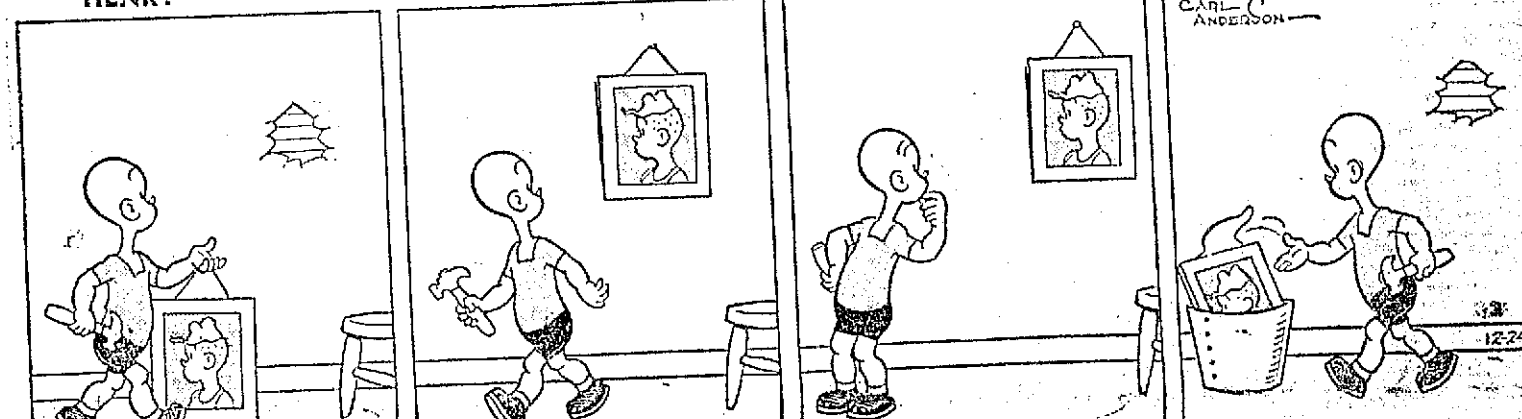
By Leslie Turner



Panel 1: A man says "I KNOW... I'M TIRED A-WATCHIN' THAT OLE BUILDIN'! I THOUGHT YOU WAS GONNA OPEN TH' DOOR AN' SEE IF THERE WAS ANY DEAD BODIES INSIDE!". Panel 2: A man says "SHH! HERE'S THAT BIG BULLY COMIN' OUT NOW!". Panel 3: A man says "HURRY! NOW'S OUR CHANCE TO PEEK IN TH' DOOR WHILE HE'S GONE!". Panel 4: A man says "HECK, IT'S TOO DARK!... I CAN'T SEE NOTHIN'!".

HENRY

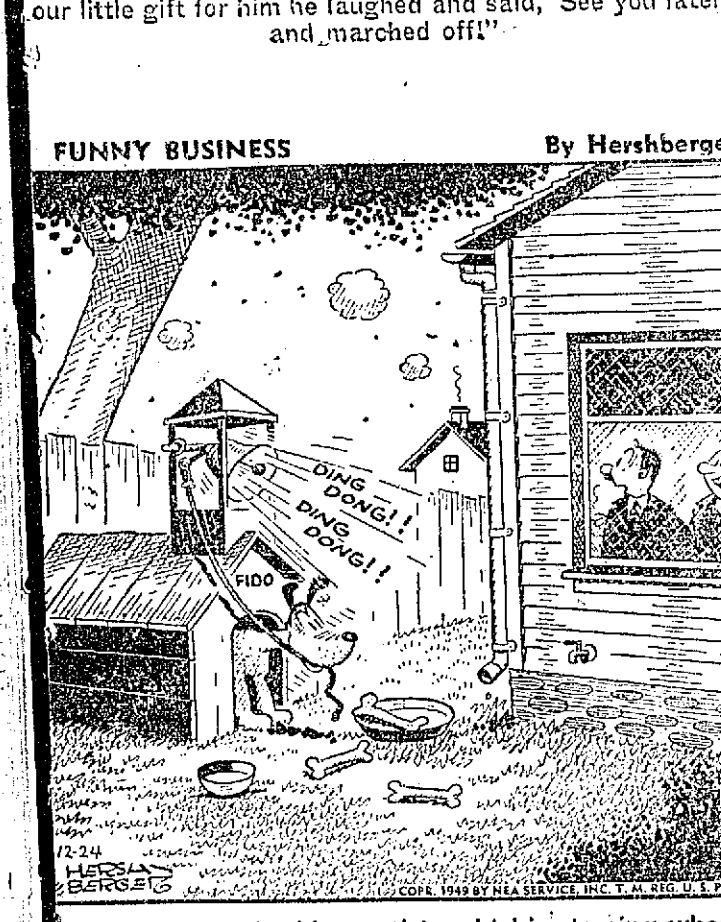
By Carl Anderson



Panel 1: Henry is in a room. Panel 2: Henry is in a room. Panel 3: Henry is in a room. Panel 4: Henry is in a room.

FUNNY BUSINESS

By Hershberger



Panel 1: A man is in a room. Caption: "I broke him of barking and taught him to ring when he wants something!"

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

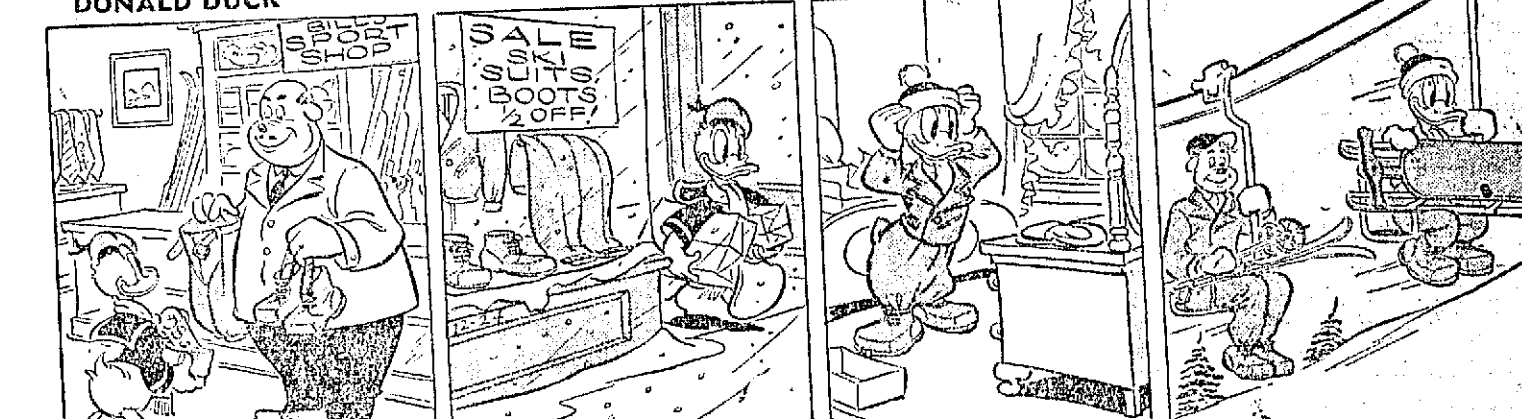
By Bloomer



Panel 1: Freckles says "SO HELP ME, THIS IS THE LAST PROPELLER CAP IN SHADYSIDE". Panel 2: Freckles says "OKAY, WE GOT ENOUGH!". Panel 3: Freckles says "AND SO, BEARING THE LATEST THING IN ANIMATED HEADGEAR, THE BOYS HURRY TO THE CRUMPT HUT PARTY". Panel 4: Freckles says "SO THIS IS WHAT YOU WERE MAKING!".

DONALD DUCK

By Walt Disney



Panel 1: Donald Duck is in a room. Panel 2: Donald Duck is in a room. Panel 3: Donald Duck is in a room. Panel 4: Donald Duck is in a room.

ALLEY OOP

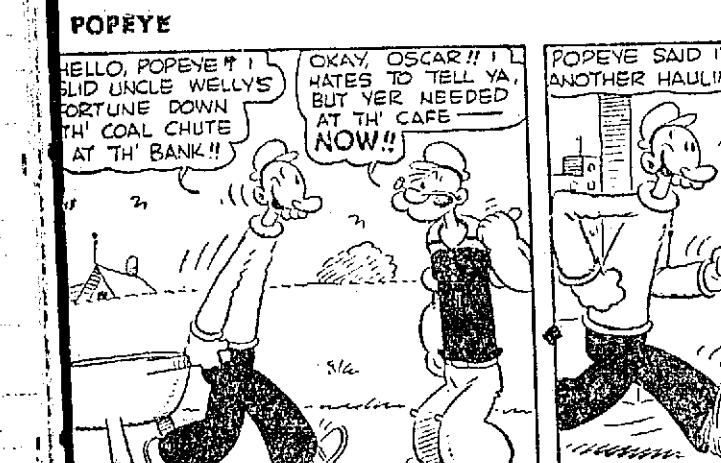
By V. T. Hamlin



Panel 1: Alley Oop says "NOW, WITH THIS MAGIC BEET, I GOTTA DO TO GET A MILLION FOR IT!". Panel 2: Alley Oop says "BUT GEE... THAT'D BE A LOT OF FREIGHT TO TOTE ALL TH' WAY BACK TO SAGE FLAT!". Panel 3: Alley Oop says "HEH! I GUESS I CAN WAIT... NO HURRY!". Panel 4: Alley Oop is in a room.

POPEYE

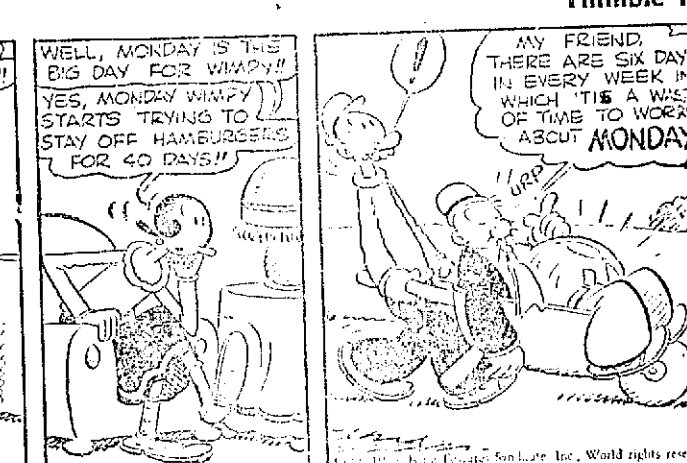
By J. R. Williams



Panel 1: Popeye says "HELLO, POPEYE! I'D UNCLE WELLY'S FORTUNE DOWN TH' COAL CHUTE AT TH' BANK!". Panel 2: Popeye says "OKAY, OSCAR!! I HATES TO TELL YA, BUT YER NEEDED AT TH' CAFE NOW!!". Panel 3: Popeye says "POPEYE SAID IT WAS ANOTHER HAULING JOB!!". Panel 4: Popeye is in a room.

Thimble Theater

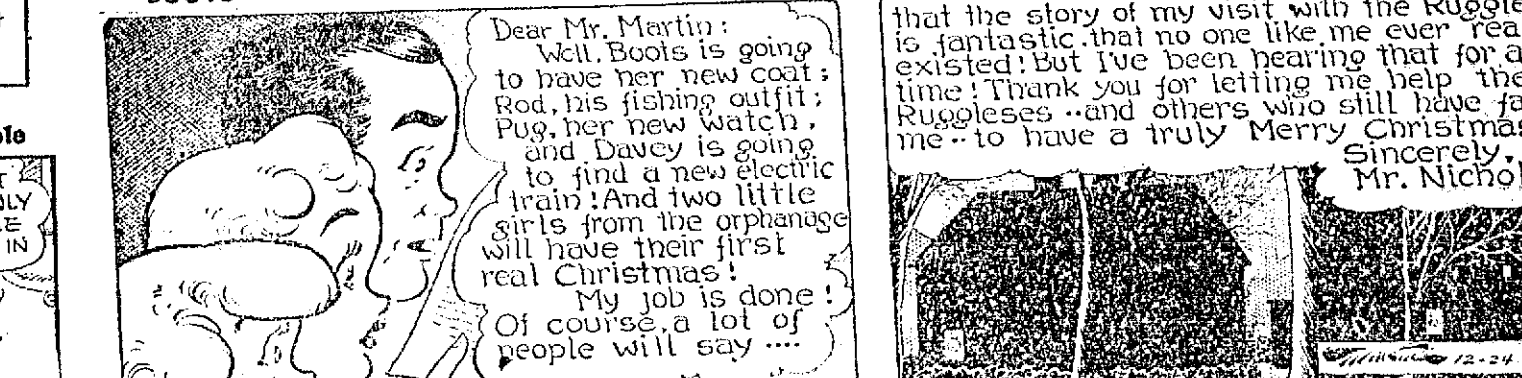
By J. R. Williams



Panel 1: Thimble Theater says "WELL, MONDAY IS THE BIG DAY FOR WIMPY!". Panel 2: Thimble Theater says "YES, MONDAY WIMPY! STARTS TRYING TO STAY OFF HAMBURGERS FOR 40 DAYS!". Panel 3: Thimble Theater says "MY FRIEND, THERE ARE SIX DAYS IN EVERY WEEK IN WHICH 'TIS A WASTE OF TIME TO WORRY ABOUT MONDAY!". Panel 4: Thimble Theater is in a room.

BOOTS


By Edgar Martin



Panel 1: Boots is in a room. Panel 2: Boots is in a room. Panel 3: Boots is in a room. Panel 4: Boots is in a room.

OUT OUR WAY


By J. R. Williams



Panel 1: A man says "AS YOU GO BY, TAKE A LOOK AT THAT PIECE THERE ON TH' FLOOR... IT'S KINDA UNIQUE!". Panel 2: A man says "TH' GUY DRILLED A HOLE A LITTLE OFF AND THE JOKESTERS ARE TRYIN' TO MAKE IT LOOK LIKE IT WAS SUCH A BIG BLUNDER THAT TH' HULL SHOP KNOWS IT IN FIVE MINUTES!". Panel 3: A man says "WELL, THEY'RE GETTIN' MORE INTELLECTUAL... THEY USED TO THINK IT WAS HILARIOUSLY FUNNY TO PUT CUP GREASE ON TH' SWEEPERS' WHEEL BARROW HANDLES!". Panel 4: A man is in a room.

OUR BOARDING HOUSE

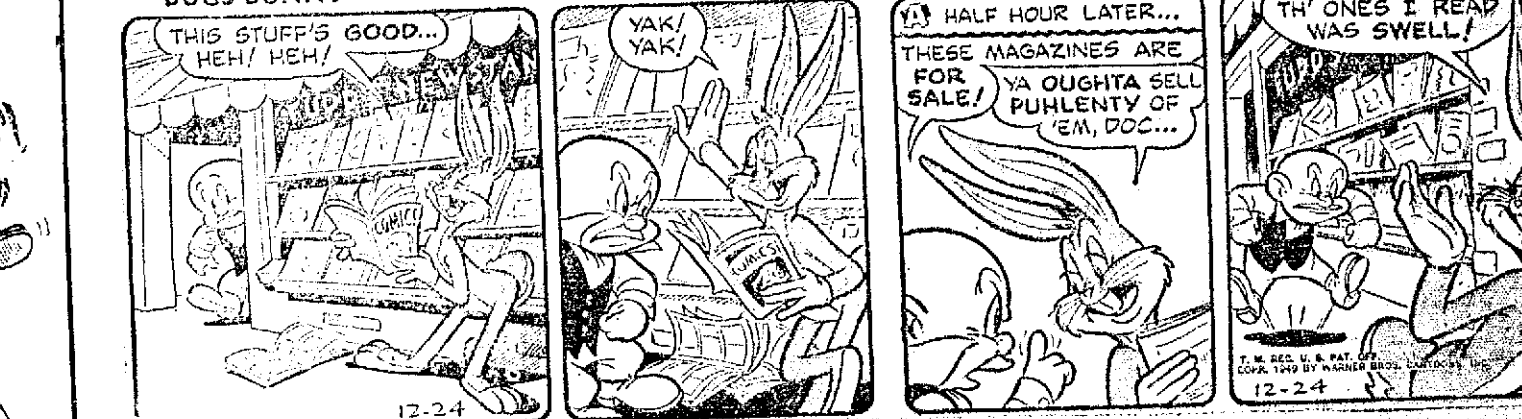
With Major Hoopls



Panel 1: A man says "LOOK, UNCLE AMOS! WE SOLD EVERY ONE OF YOUR STOCKINGS EXCEPT THIS ONE... WE GOT THE DOUGH IN IT!". Panel 2: A man says "KINDA MAKES ME FEEL LIKE SANTA CLAUS, EXCEPT I KEEP THINKIN' AINCE WE OUGHTA CHISEL YOU OUT OF A COMMISSION!". Panel 3: A man says "EVERY ONE SOLD? GREAT CAESAR! I'M YOU CERTAINLY SHALL HAVE A HANDSOME REWARD YOU'LL SHARE IN THE AWPE!". Panel 4: A man is in a room.

BUGS BUNNY

By J. R. Williams



Panel 1: Bugs Bunny says "THIS STUFF'S GOOD... HEH! HEH!". Panel 2: Bugs Bunny says "YAK! YAK!". Panel 3: Bugs Bunny says "HALF HOUR LATER... THESE MAGAZINES ARE FOR SALE! YA OUGHTA SELL PULPENTY OF 'EM, DOC...". Panel 4: Bugs Bunny says "TH' ONES I READ WAS SWELL!".

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Train Wreck
Victim Dies
of Burns

Memphis Dec. 23.—(AP)—One of
the two Missouri Pacific railroad
men burned in yesterday's train
wreck died early today.

The victim, James W. Hagard of
Wynne, Ark., train engineer was
severely scalded by steam when
his engine rammed a line of stand-
ing boxcars.

Stalin May Be Near End of
Active Role—So World Is
Interested in a Successor

By DEWITT MacKENZIE
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

The Bible tells us Methuselah
lived 969 years, during which he
appears to have been exceedingly
wise. Then he passed to his re-
ward.

Those were the good old days.
Since then, with the speeding up
of life, a new limit has been set
on mankind's activities. Now when
folks reach three score and ten
they begin to think about easing
up on work and doing a spot of
fishing, or whatever pleases their
fancy.

Thus it isn't strange that Soviet
Russia and the outside world should
be speculating on what Marshal
Stalin, having celebrated his 70th
birthday amidst the adulation of
his followers, has in mind for the
future. Will he keep on as the gen-
eralissimo of the communist, or will
he ease off a bit?

That's a mighty vital question.
For Stalin is the mind of Red Rus-
sia. His nod is law. If he with-
draws, who takes his place? We must
in order to answer that question.

Western observers note that Stalin
appears in good health and he
is able to continue as head for
many years. However, looking at
a bit further they figure that the way
things stand the succession likely
will lie among three men—polit-
icians of the party making committee,
and all as tough as tripe.

This trio comprises Vice Pres-
ident V. M. Molotov, aged 59; Lav-
renti P. Beria, 50, head of the
secret police; and Georgi M.
Malenkov, 47, who is virtual ruler
of the Communist party's political
machine in Russia. The three are
named in the present order of
their political strength.

Molotov is perhaps the best known
to the outside world in his pre-
vious role of foreign minister. In re-
cent months he has had a mys-
terious assignment which is sup-
posed to be supervision of the Red
offensive in China.

Naturally, this links him in spec-
ulation with the Chinese commu-
nist successes.

Molotov is an "old bolshevik"
who was a boy-rebel against the
Czars and a close associate of the
revolutionary party and to Stalin,
and self effacement. He is a color-
less personality, but he commands
respect in all ranks and thus far
he has had the confidence of the
generalissimo.

Next in line is Beria's super-
police. His rise to power was
based on his work as head of
the secret police. He directed
the hundreds of thousands of secret
agents, and administered concen-
tration camps and prisons re-
portedly containing several million
prisoners. His office has been the most
feared place in Russia.

Beria is ruthless in carrying out
duties. Like Stalin he is a Georgian
peasant, and he is the Soviet's
most widely known biog-
raphy of Stalin. He travels about
in an American-made bullet proof
car, heavily guarded by plain
clothes men.

Last and theoretically least—
although powerful—comes Malen-
kov, also a ruthless realist. He
was a member of Stalin's
personal secretariat and modeled
himself after Stalin, even to
clothing and mannerisms. He rose
to the top of the great purge of old Bolsh-
evists in the thirties.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Robinson
of El Dorado announce the birth
of a daughter, December 21, in the
Cora Donnell hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ackerman
and little son Johnny of Ven-
ita, Okla., are the guests of
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